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Item 2 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Organization of work of the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. The draft organization of work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-eighth session, which is contained in the annex to the present note, has been prepared, pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time-frame available and in accordance with the conference services allocated to the Commission.

2. The draft is based on the provisional agenda adopted at the thirty-seventh session and approved by the Council in its decision 1999/259.

3. Within the eight working days allotted to the thirty-eighth session, time is reserved for: formal and informal consultations on contributions of the Commission to the overall review of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development; a presentation of a report by Mr. Bengt Lindqvist, the Commission's Special Rapporteur on Disability; discussion on issues related to the International Year of Older Persons, 1999; informal consultations on issues related to disability and ageing; and a dialogue segment with non-governmental organizations on their role in the Summit review and appraisal process.

4. The timetable contained in the annex should be considered tentative and indicative; if the Commission completes its consideration of an item ahead of schedule, it may wish to proceed immediately to the next item.

5. The Commission is scheduled to meet from Tuesday, 8 February, to Thursday, 17 February 2000. Arrangements have been made to hold morning and afternoon meetings during the session; morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Annex

Draft organization of work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-eighth session

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation programme*
Tuesday, 8 February		
a.m.	Item 1	**Election of officers**
	Item 2	**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**
		Documentation: E/CN.5/2000/1 and E/CN.5/2000/L.1
	Item 3	**Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development**
		Introduction
	Item 3 (a)	**Priority theme: contribution of the Commission to the overall review of the implementation of the outcome of the Summit**
		Opening dialogue and major group presentations
		Documentation
		Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive assessment of the overall level of implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (E/CN.5/2000/2)
		Report of the symposium on States, the market and social progress: roles and cooperation of the public and private sectors (E/CN.5/2000/5)
p.m.	Item 3 (a)	General exchange of views
Wednesday, 9 February		
a.m.	Item 3 (a)	General exchange of views (*conclusion*)
	Item 3 (a)	One-hour dialogue segment with non-governmental organizations on the review and appraisal of the World Summit for Social Development
p.m.	Item 3 (b)	*Deadline for written amendments to draft outcome of agenda item 3 (a): 1 p.m.*
		Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups
		Presentation of report by Mr. Bengt Lindqvist, the Commission's Special Rapporteur on Disability, followed by question-and-answer period

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
		Documentation
		Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Commission's Special Rapporteur on Disability (E/CN.5/2000/3)
Thursday, 10 February		
a.m.	Item 3 (b)	**Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups**
		General discussion on issues related to the International Year of Older Persons, 1999
		Documentation
		Report of the Secretary-General on the International Year of Older Persons, 1999 (E/CN.5/2000/4)
	Item 4	**Provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission**
		Selection of priority theme for the thirty-ninth session: exchange of views
p.m.	Item 3 (a)	Consideration of draft outcome of item 3 (a)
Friday, 11 February		
a.m.	Item 3 (a)	Consideration of draft outcome (*continuation*)
	Item 3 (b)	Parallel informal consultations on item 3 (b)
p.m.	Item 3 (a)	Consideration of draft outcome (*conclusion*)
	Item 3 (b)	Parallel informal consultations on item 3 (b) (*continuation*)
Monday, 14 February		
a.m.		Short plenary meeting to take stock of progress and other procedural matters
	Item 3 (a)	Informal consultations (*continuation*)
p.m.	Item 3 (a)	Informal consultations (*continuation*)
Tuesday, 15 February		
a.m.	Item 3 (a)	Informal consultations (*continuation*)
p.m.	Item 3 (a)	Informal consultations (*conclusion*)
Wednesday, 16 February		
a.m.		Introduction of draft proposals
		Informal consultations on all outstanding items
p.m.		Final introduction of draft proposals
		Informal consultations on all outstanding items

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
Thursday, 17 February		
a.m.	Item 4	**Provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission**
		Documentation
		Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission (E/CN.5/2000/L._)
		Action on draft proposals
p.m.		Action on draft proposals
	Item 5	**Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-eighth session**
		Closure of the thirty-eighth session